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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 7:36:01 PM
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Subject: FW: NGO Comments on Statewide Water Action Plan

Hey Roger:

I meant to send this to you in the original mailing (sorry). Would be curious what your expectations are for the Obama Administration's public review Draft EIS on the \$24 billion BDCP Twin Tunnels project that we hear is due out in about 30-45 days.

Thanks,

Hal

From: Hal Candee
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 6:00 PM
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Subject: NGO Comments on Statewide Water Action Plan

Dear friends:

For some time, many of us in the NGO community and many federal agencies have urged Governor Jerry Brown and his top state water officials to look more broadly than just a Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) to address the State's long term water supply and ecosystem challenges. We were therefore pleased when his director of water resources Mark Cowin notified us at a BDCP meeting this summer that his staff would be working on developing a broader "State Water Action Plan" that looks beyond BDCP to address long term water management issues, including impacts of climate change, fishery declines, etc. We understand the Governor has also invited input from CalEPA, Dept of Fish & Wildlife, the State Water Board and other State agencies, and hopes to produce a final plan by December. In the meantime, we were told this week it would be very helpful to receive any scoping comments we have by today.

Accordingly, I attach a 3-page list of joint recommendations just submitted by leading conservation and fishing groups in California to the Governor's top water officials. We hope you find these recommendations helpful in your own deliberations on federal water policy in California, including but not limited to BDCP.

Thank you,

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Subject: Comments on Statewide Water Action Plan

Dear Mark,

On behalf of NRDC, Defenders of Wildlife, The Bay Institute, Planning and Conservation League, and Golden Gate Salmon Association, thank you for requesting our input on the development of a five-year water action plan designed around achieving the co-equal goals at the statewide level. We are very supportive of this effort and believe it is critically important to moving California towards a more sustainable water management system.

Our comments on the attached are necessarily broad, as we have not yet seen any proposal from DWR on which to provide more specific input. However, we look forward to working closely with you as this effort progresses to provide more detailed comments.

Please let us know how we can most effectively engage in this continuing and important dialogue.

Sincerely,

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